## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 268 By Cobb

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Lana Carlton on her selection as Rutherford County Schools' High School District Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Lana Carlton is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Lana Carlton, a math teacher at Eagleville High School, has recently been selected as Rutherford County Schools' High School District Teacher of the Year, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, a native of Shelbyville, Mrs. Carlton received her bachelor's degree from Middle Tennessee State University and a master's degree from Tennessee State University in Nashville; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Mrs. Carlton has previously been honored as Teacher of the Year by Bedford County Schools; and

WHEREAS, before her transfer to Eagleville High School, Mrs. Carlton served a meritorious tenure of twenty-two years at Community High School in Unionville; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable professional serves with acumen and alacrity as a math teacher at Eagleville High School, teaching Algebra II through Pre-Calculus, and has showcased her superior leadership skills as the Math Department Chair for the past five years; and

WHEREAS, because of her excellent leadership and teaching skills, Eagleville students' math scores on the American College Test have consistently risen during Mrs. Carlton's tenure as Math Department Chair; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Lana Carlton is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, she truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, she has received the highest professional praise from Eagleville High School's Principal, Rhonda Holton, who has said of Mrs. Carlton, "She's been a great asset for our school. She's very dedicated to the students and to the whole education profession. She's an outstanding person."; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Carlton's many professional accomplishments aside, she is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship she shares with her husband Steve and their two children, Stephenie and Jeremy; and

WHEREAS, she truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Lana Carlton of Eagleville High School on being chosen as Rutherford County Schools' High School District Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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